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October 15, 2007

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Gift of Relinquishment of Lease
St. Clair Flats Wildlife Area – St. Clair County
The Earl W. Brown Trust Tract
Land Transaction Case #20070225

Gift: One Subdivision Lot – 1.18 acres

Description: St. Clair County, Clay Township: Leasehold interest in Lot 419, Middle Channel Section of the so-called St. Clair Flats, made under the provisions of Act 175, Public Acts of 1899.

Donor: Earl W. Brown Trust, Monroe, Michigan

Authority: Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) October 29, 2007 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on November 5, 2007.

Comments: The offered gift of relinquishment of lease is located within the St. Clair Flats Wildlife Area, 30 miles south of Port Huron and 30 miles northeast of Detroit. The vacant tract is primarily submerged except for occasional emergent vegetation and scattered sandbars. Access is available only by boat. The land is owned by the State of Michigan, but leased to the Donor under terms of a lease due to expire in the year 2013.

The Donor's relinquishment of lease rights in this land will contribute to the Department's goals of consolidating State ownership, expanding accessible public land, and preventing further development in this ecologically sensitive area. Acceptance of this gift is consistent with the recommendations contained in the St. Clair Flats Management Plan which was formally approved by the Natural Resources Commission in April 1981.

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Recommendation: That this gift be accepted with appreciation.

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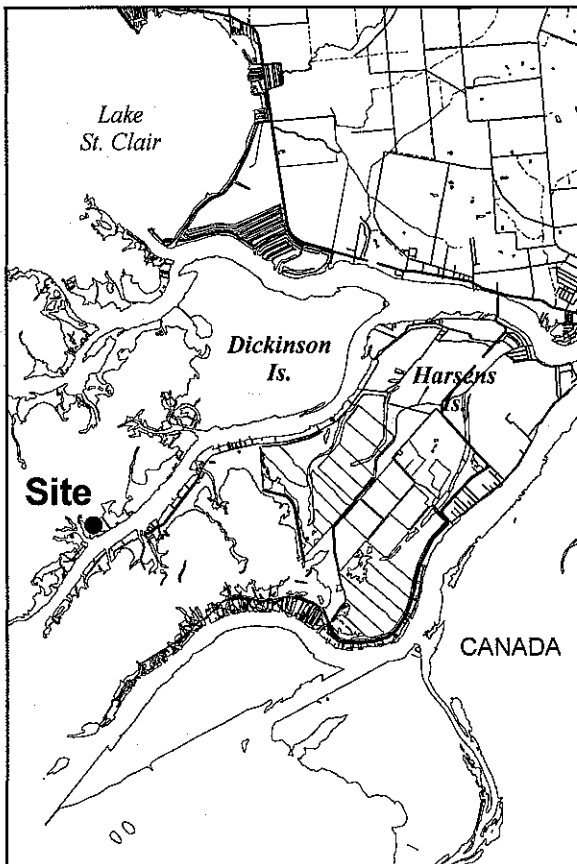
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I approve the staff recommendation.

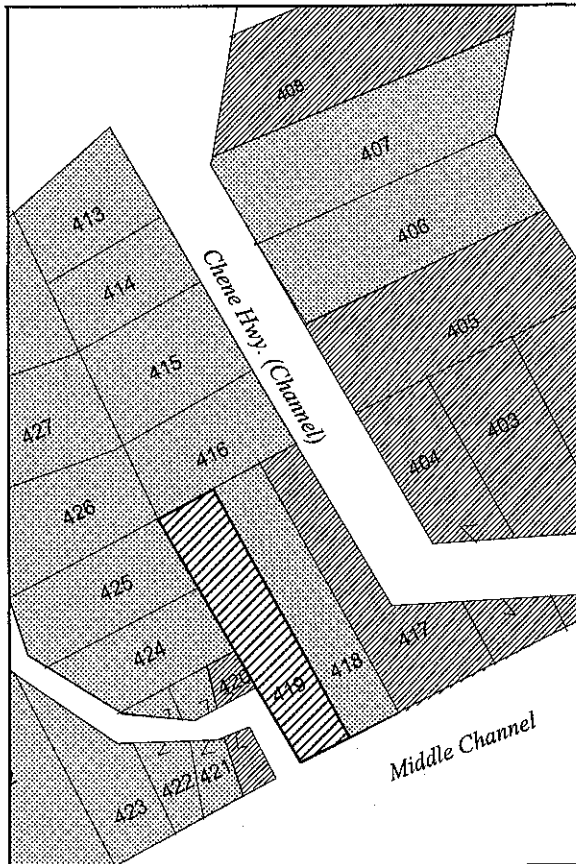
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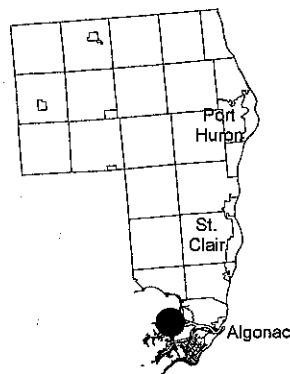
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Regional Location



- Property Line
- Leasehold Offered to DNR
- Leased State Land
- State Land
- Private Land



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